The Junior League of Spokane is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Our purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

The Junior League welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

**Celebrating 94 years of serving Spokane and empowering women.**
President’s Message

Dear members and friends of the Junior League of Spokane:

What a year! And in 2019-2020, we will celebrate our 95th year as an organization dedicated to training leaders, promoting voluntarism, and improving our community. We have a wonderful group of active and sustaining members who are focused on making a difference.

The Junior League has always been on the forefront of social change. We are an organization that stays relevant in an ever-changing social climate. The current members are honored to continue the work of the women who forged the path before us. Our parent organization, Association of Junior Leagues International, has recently incorporated a rapid response process that allows the Association to respond quickly with one voice to current events that align with our mission.

The work we do is not easy, but personally I am reinvigorated when I volunteer at one of our Treasure Hunt Book Fairs and am able to witness first-hand how excited children are to “walk the plank” and receive free books to take home. In order to support our focus area of improving childhood literacy, we granted Spokane-area educators, preschool groups, and non-profits books and funds to promote literacy. It is such a great feeling to know that we have amazing community partners who work with us to make a difference.

I invite you to join us to make an impact with the Junior League of Spokane in our 95th year. You are welcome to become a strategic partner or volunteer at a community event. Please follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/juniorleagueofspokane for the latest updates.

With gratitude,

Ann Smith, President 2018 - 2019
Who We Are:

**Celebrating Years of Service to the JLS**

- **5 Years**
  - Ann Smith
  - Ashley Manfred
  - Emily Arneson
  - Jessica Kiser
  - Kathy Connelly
  - Kim Lloyd
  - Kristin Orwig
  - Lauren Warrick
  - Melissa King

- **10 Years**
  - Mary Lynn Boardman

**To our newly sustaining members, THANK YOU for your service!**

- Emily Arneson
- Betsy Clevenger
- Jessica Kiser
- Lauren Klündt

**Say HELLO to our new members:**

- Alicia Heiser
- Amanda Olson
- Amelia Davis
- Ashley Stevens
- Briana Turnbull
- Dawn Emery
- Fatim Ouedraogo
- Jamie Diaz
- Jamie Wopschall
- Katie Mathews

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**active members**

- 48

**new members**

- 16

**transfers**

- 4

**sustainers**

- 104

**Membership**

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**Exciting member news... 😊 Cora Whitney had a baby girl! 😁 Lauren Warrick returned to Spokane and opened a new business. 🥳 Kim Lloyd is serving as Board President of Meals on Wheels Spokane.**

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**Membership Director**

- Ashley Manfred

**Active Member of the Year**

- Ashley Manfred

**2018-2020**

**Outstanding Sustainer of the Year**

- Karen Warrick

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TRAINING is at the heart of the our mission to empower women as they build stronger communities.

General Membership Meeting Trainings offered to our members:
✓ developing the potential of women
✓ building community partnerships
✓ financial training for nonprofits
✓ LGBTQ ally training

We sent 14 members to leadership training conferences across the country:
✓ AJLI Winter Leadership in New Orleans
✓ AJLI Annual Conference in Denver
✓ AJLI’s Organizational Development Institute in Little Rock
✓ AJLI Organization Development Institute Conference in Charlotte
✓ Northwest Exchange in Portland

DID YOU KNOW?... AJLI (Association of Junior Leagues International) is the JLS’s parent organization. The 291 Junior Leagues around the world are the owners and customers of AJLI.
Our Focus Area: **CHILDHOOD LITERACY**

**GOALS:**
- Improve childhood literacy rates in Spokane. 
- Get books into the hands of our community’s children and inspire a lifelong love of reading and learning. To work toward these goals, we once again hosted **two book fairs**.

**WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Book Fair**

- March 9, 2019

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Outreach Center at EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Book Fair**

- April 20, 2019

- 230 volunteer hours
- 309 served
- 10 literacy booths
- 240 distributed

Thank you to our Book Fair community partners and booth hosts!

- Camp Fire Inland Northwest Communities in Schools
- Community Health Plan
- Hi5 Orthodontics
- Kelly Milner Halls (author)
- MLK Center at ECCC
- Project ELLO
- Shriners Hugs and Noses
- Spark Central
- Spokane Police Department
- Spokane Public Library
- Sysco
- Unify Community Health
- Whitworth University Pirate

Thank you, **SYS CO**! They provided all of the food (including snacks for families to take home).
CHILDHOOD LITERACY: continuing to put our fundraising dollars to work

We are so pleased to support our 2018-2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS, who work tirelessly to advance childhood literacy within the Spokane region:

- Embrace Washington
- Gayle Weiant, Bemiss Elementary
- Jennifer Morris, Spanish Immersion Program at Libby Center
- Jodi Baerwald, Stefanie McCarrey & Beverly Chandler; Willard Elementary
- Joseph Carlson, Willard Elementary
- Justina Martin, Willard Elementary
- Karen Bennie, Bemiss Elementary
- Kerri York, Bemiss Elementary
- Kristy Tucker, Newport Parent Co-op Preschool
- Kristy Wilkinson, Bemiss Elementary
- Monica Mewhinney, Holmes Elementary
- Sharon Withrow, Bemiss Elementary
- Volunteers of America of Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho
- Whitney Bowerman, Rogers High School

**DID YOU KNOW?...** Up until the 3rd grade, most children are learning to read. Beginning in the 4th grade, they are reading to learn.

Adequate literacy skills can be correlated to a person’s likelihood to remain out of poverty, avoid criminal behavior, and adequately care for oneself and others.

425 granted

$2,875 disbursed

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Making an Impact in OUR Community...

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1,873 books donated to the community in 2018-2019

Since adopting CHILDHOOD LITERACY as our focus area, JLS has created and maintained READING CORNERS across Spokane.

Reading Corner Locations:
- Women & Children’s Free Restaurant (1st Corner)
- CHAS
- Early Life Speech & Language Center
- Rising Strong
- Union Gospel Mission Women & Children’s Shelter
- West Central Community Center

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Allow us to toot our own HORN…
We netted over $9,000 for the Junior League of Spokane, our mission and community projects—and had a lot of fun doing it!
Who: 473 volunteer hours and 113 attendees
What: Cuban-style cooking competition featuring Spokane Top Chefs Mario De Leon & Caleb Hansen
Where: John J. Hemmingson Center at Gonzaga University
When: May 17, 2019
Why: to raise over $31,000 for The Junior League of Spokane’s mission and projects
2018-2019: By the Numbers

Total Income: $74,841.45
including almost $42,000 raised at fundraising events, over $18,000 from Membership Dues, and over $4,000 brought in during our Annual Fund Campaign.

Total Expenses: $76,624.02
including almost $14,000 spent on Membership, Volunteer and Leadership Training; about $7,000 spent on Community projects and events; and almost $3,000 disbursed in grants to advance childhood literacy within Spokane.

WOMEN ON A MISSION... Prior to the start of our 2018-2019 League year, our membership approved a budget that reflected an approximate $11,000 deficit. This decision was mission driven, and the deficit was to be funded with reserves. But through careful spending and greater fundraising success, the year-end deficit came to less than $2,000. This accomplishment took some belt-tightening and old-fashioned frugality, but funding to support our mission did not waiver.

Annual Fund DONORS

Alicia Heiser
Amelia Davis
Ann Smith
Anne (Topper) Nielsen O'Connell
Ashley Manfred
Becky Shellman
Bobbie McGann
Bridget Carstens
Bridget Piper
Candi Gilchrist
Carol Neupert
Carol Wilson
Carole Jones
Cassie Stein
Cheryl Grabicki
Christine Culp
Connie Stacey

Constance Guthrie
Cynthia Gustafson
Diane Thomas
Donna Greenough
(in honor/memory of Molly & Carol)
Eleanor Andersen
Elinor Magnuson
Elisabeth Sibulsky
Faris Charbonneau
Gail Stevenson
Grace Hege
Janet Camp
Jean Ogsbury
Jeanne Ager
Joann Nielson
Joanna Schmitz
Jody Fergin (in memory of Marilyn Stedman)
Karen Robideaux
Karen Warrick
Kathy Connelly
Kathy Friedlander
Kelsea Nester
Kelsey Parker
Kim Jones
Kristin Mason
Lauren Warrick
Lexi Burg
Maria Cahill
Medtronic (matched Kathy Friedlander)
Melissa King
Michelle Grover
Michelle Tompkins
Molly Hannan
Mrs. William Papesh
Nancy Henry
Network for Good
Niki Moore
Patti Hinman
Penni Mahieu
Robert Jackson
Sally Stopher
Shelley Kuney
Suzanne Lynch
Sylvia Campbell
Trudell Jensen

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Join Us! We invite you to consider joining this community of women who care so deeply about Spokane. Another way to support our mission is to make a contribution. As a non-profit organization, your donations help us to sustain our organization's mission, train women to serve Spokane, and impact our community through our childhood literacy projects.